## REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 2-7 will have been amended and claim 1 will have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, with claims 2-7 pending in the present application for consideration by the Examiner. By the present amendment and without agreeing to the propriety of the Board's decision, Applicants have amended claim 7 into independent form, and have amended claims 2-6 to depend from claim 7.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that each and every pending claim of the present application meets all requirements for patentability and respectfully request the Examiner to indicate the allowance of each and every pending claim in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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